U.S. Customs and Border Protection

TFTEA Harmonized Tariff Schedule Unit of Quantity Change
Fact Sheet

Introduction:

The Drawback requirements outlined in Section 906 of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act (TFTEA) require that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is able to identify a standard "per unit" quantity at the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) level on articles being imported into the United States. CBP ultimately needs this information is to be able to comply with the changes that TFTEA has made to agency's Drawback operations.

Drawback is a customs program that allows "the refund of certain duties, internal revenue taxes and certain fees collected upon the importation of goods." Drawback refunds "are only allowed upon the exportation or destruction of goods under U.S. Customs and Border Protection supervision."

Action:

To meet the Drawback requirements stipulated by TFTEA, CBP will be changing all the statistical suffixes with a unit of quantity (UOQ) of "X" to a standardized unit of measurement such as kilograms ("kg") or number ("No."). A UOQ of X indicates importers do not report a quantity, other than gross weight, which conflicts with the Drawback data collection requirements outlined by TFTEA.

Timeline:

- **January 1, 2019**
  - All 659 dutiable statistical suffixes with a UOQ of "X" will have a specific UOQ assigned to them.
- **June 3, 2019**
  - List of the new UOQs for non-dutiable statistical suffixes with a UOQ of "X" posted to cbp.gov.
- **January 1, 2020**
  - All of the 851 non-dutiable statistical suffixes with a UOQ of "X" will have a specific UOQ assigned to them.

Additional Information:

A PDF listing all the dutiable statistical suffixes with UOQs affected by this change is available on cbp.gov at: https://www.cbp.gov/document/fact-sheets/tftea-harmonized-tariff-schedule-unit-quantity-change

Questions and Concerns:

Please email any questions or concerns about this initiative or the new UOQs to CBP's 484(f) Team at 484f@cbp.dhs.gov.

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